



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Mr. Mike Linder
Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality
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Dear Mr. Linder:

Thank you for the submission dated August 24, 2004, requesting approval of the Johnson Lake Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) under §303(d) of the Clean Water Act. The Johnson Lake TMDL has been evaluated for fecal coliform bacteria impairment. We have completed our review of this TMDL as submitted by your office and in accordance with §303(d) of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), we approve all aspects of this TMDL.

Enclosed is the EPA Region 7 review form which summarizes the rationale for EPA's approval of this TMDL. EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDLs described in the enclosed form adequately address the pollutant of concern, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety.

Again, EPA appreciates the thoughtful teamwork and partnering effort that Nebraska has put forth in the development of this TMDL and will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by Nebraska to develop the remaining TMDLs on the current Nebraska §303(d) list of impaired water bodies.

Sincerely,

Leo J. Alderman
Director

Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Patrick O'Brien,
NE Dept of Environmental Quality w/enclosure